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## To Increase The Salaries

### Special Meeting of the School Trustees Deals With Pay of Teachers.

### New Schedule of Wages to Be Considered By the Board.

A special meeting of the school board was held last evening to consider "salaries." For months past the question of readjusting the scale of salaries now paid the teaching staff has been cropping up with more and more urgency each time, until the matter had assumed what might be called an acute stage. There was some opposition to altering any particular item until the whole scale could be definitely fixed, having something had to be done immediately, the remuneration of some of the assistants both male and female teachers were raised a notch. While they were at the good work, the increase was made to include the assistant secretary, and one of the janitors.

There were present, besides Superintendent Eaton, Chairman H. H. Trueman, J. H. Huggitt, Belyea and later in the evening Trustee Brown arrived. On taking up the business of the evening, considerable discussion was had in respect to the proposed action, with respect to salaries—as to whether it would include all teachers, or only those who had petitioned for an increase. The whole, the resolution of the 17th April last was read, wherein it was stated in answer to a petition for an increase in pay from some of the male assistant teachers, that it was the intention of the board to take the matter up later in the year and award such increase or not as the finances would permit. The readjustment to date as from the 1st May last. The superintendent reported that there would probably be \$1,200 available at the end of the year to cover all contingencies, including purchases of necessary furniture, which had not yet been ordered.

Trustee Belyea then moved that the salaries of the following teachers be fixed thus: Mr. Solloway, \$840 per annum; J. W. Campbell, \$750 per annum; W. Winer, \$840 per annum; B. B. Simpson, \$720 per annum. Trustee Belyea in moving the resolution, stated that the board had practically made a compact with the teachers, and as Trustee Huggitt took the same view, and seconded the motion.

Trustee Jay could not support the resolution, as the money was too sweeping. The whole salary question should be gone into, and all placed on the same basis. It was not fair to make the rules apply to one teacher, and not to another. He asked for the chairman's ruling as to the motion being in order. The chairman was of opinion that the rules were not binding on the board, and as a matter of fact, one teacher's salary had already been raised.

Trustee Belyea was surprised at Trustee Jay, who himself asked for a raise for one teacher, and this had been granted by the board.

The chairman then put the motion, which carried. Trustee Jay, in view of the increased salary to the teachers named from May 1 to September 1, he paid in four months in arrears, and the whole in their salaries for September, October, November, and December.

Supt. Eaton pointed out the urgency of having by-laws passed, and of salaries approved of by the department of public instruction. The present chaos could not be allowed to continue without some great change in the schools. Trustee Jay said that for a year after the old by-laws had been passed, everything had gone along smoothly, as far as the schools were concerned in the board's treating them fairly. As it was now the same could not be expected, as the teachers did not know where they stood, and the whole question should be decided and put in proper basis, and be submitted to the council of public instruction.

The superintendent said another phase of the question was the light in which it placed the board, when teachers under threat of resigning asked and secured increases in their pay. It was a position in which the board should not be placed.

Trustee Belyea said if teachers came to the board with any such argument he would be in favor of asking them for their resignation, and then the whole question should be decided and put in proper basis, and be submitted to the council of public instruction.

## TRADES AND LABOR.

### Well Attended Meeting of the Local Council Last Evening.

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### Communications were received from the Roseland Trades and Labor Council dealing with the case where two members of labor organizations had been arrested on technicalities and protested against the attorney-general appointing the attorney of the Le Roi mine to prosecute the union men.

### The communication also protested against the alleged wholesale importation of aliens. The Roseland Trades council asked for assistance. The communication was referred to a special committee to investigate the matter and interview Attorney-General Eberhart.

### The committee appointed to try and amicably settle the differences between the Roseland Trades and Labor Council and the Longshoremen union, reported to the council that their efforts had proved futile.

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## Exhibition Management

### Many Important Matters Dealt With at Last Night's Meeting.

### Several Special Committees Appointed to Expedite and Perfect Arrangements.

There was a good attendance at last night's meeting of the executive committee of the Agricultural Exhibition Association, His Honor Mayor Hayward presiding.

Communications were received from the Nanaimo Silver Cornet Band and the Wagner band of Seattle, regarding excursions to Victoria during the exhibition.

A circular from the C. P. R. informed the association that the company would convey exhibits to Victoria at regular intervals, and that they were free of charge, provided there was no change of ownership.

A misunderstanding existing with regard to the work of the track Mr. Revans explained at length the position of the track respecting the matter. They were quite willing to complete the work entrusted to them but objected to having the supervision taken out of their hands.

On motion the secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Geiger informing him that his services were being directed by Messrs. Clark and Revans.

Mr. Moresby, secretary of the Royal reception committee wrote regarding the transportation committee. Referred to transportation committee.

The hall committee presented the following report:

Dear Sir:—The hall committee find that the building is through with their work at the building this evening or tomorrow at the latest. There are the steps on the outside, and the platform for the bandstand to be erected. The hand-

work is being carried out by the committee, and the work on the steps will be completed by the end of the week.

We find that the amount placed at our service for decorating will not suffice to carry out the plan of the committee, and the committee have decided to raise the amount to \$1,000.

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## Discharging the Red Rock

### Some of the Sailors Engaged in Work Leave the Ship.

### Queen City Arrives From the West Coast—A New Lighthouse.

When the British ship Red Rock arrived at the outer wharf it was anticipated that there would be trouble over the discharge of the ship's cargo, for there is a difference pending between the Red Rock and the longshoremen.

The longshoremen are demanding a higher rate of wages for the work of discharging, and as the ship so far has been carried along successfully it was thought that the longshoremen were groundless. Last night, however, several of the seamen of the vessel left her. What inducement they had to leave is not known.

How their going will affect the work remains to be seen.

Some time ago an effort was made to settle the difference between the Red Rock and the longshoremen, and a delegation consisting of two members of the Trades and Labor Council and the secretary of the longshoremen waited upon one of the local storekeepers in this connection.

The storekeeper was asked by one of the delegation if he would agree to pay the rate of wages on all work contracted for by him, and the longshoremen raised their wages and the higher rate on all new work.

To this the storekeeper agreed. A meeting was called of the longshoremen and they voted against such a step being adopted.

The Vancouver World says: "The reported trouble among the longshoremen at the Red Rock is not a new thing. It has been a long time since the longshoremen have been so quiet again. Robert Ward & Co., who have a ship loading salmon there, say they know nothing of any trouble, and have experienced no difficulty in having the ship's cargo loaded."

FROM THE COAST.

Steamer Queen City Returns From Ahousett and Way Ports.

Str. Queen City returned from the West Coast last night bringing seventeen passengers from Ahousett and Way ports. Included among these were C. C. Blinn and G. Duncan of Wreck Bay, the former being the discoverer of the rich black sand placers. The miners have been hindered considerably of late by extremely high tides, but now work is going on at the placers.

The steamer will sail for the coast again on Friday night, going as far west as Cape Scott on this trip.

## NEW LIGHTHOUSE.

The department of marine and fisheries is calling for tenders for the construction of a new lighthouse on the coast of British Columbia.

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## Burned Bones

### A Charred Skeleton Found by Prospectors at Queen Charlotte Islands.

### Arrivals by the Steamer Tees Tell of Work at Northern Mines.

Steamer Tees which arrived from Nanaimo yesterday morning after having discharged her cargo at Vancouver—it being consigned to eastern points—had 65 saloon passengers from the North, including miners, prospectors, cannerymen, traders, mining engineers and others, and 120 steerage passengers, Chinese, who have been employed by the cannerymen. Her cargo was a valuable one, for over and above the salmon, of which she had about ten thousand cases, she brought down a consignment of miscellaneous furs valued at over ten thousand dollars.

The Tees brought further particulars of the mysterious tragedy enacted on Moresby Island, of which news was briefly given in the telegraphic columns of the Colonist. It seems that a party of prospectors from Van Anda who like a great many other prospectors in British Columbia are cruising along the island coasts in small sloops, found the skeleton of a white man at Copper Bay, between Clew Inlet and Skidegate about two weeks ago, and from the appearance of the skeleton the fact that the skull was cracked, and that the remains were found between a pile of rocks and a log, was a very strange one.

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